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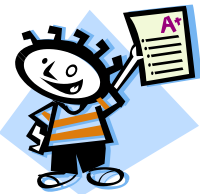
COMMUNITY INPUT ON DISTRICT FACILITIES

At the October Board of Education meeting, Business Manager Joel Murphy reported on the community forums held to gather community input on the district's facilities. Information on the buildings was provided at three public meetings and those attending were asked to complete a survey. The survey was also posted on the district's website through October 25. Mr. Murphy presented results of the 298 surveys submitted so far. Forty-three percent of the respondents graded the education QPS provides students as a 'B.' However, just over 73% rated the facilities at a 'C' or lower. The current grade configuration for QPS is seven separate K-3 buildings, a 4-6 intermediate school, a 7-9 junior high and a 10-12 high school. Ninety-four percent of respondents strongly support or support a K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 configuration. Regarding school environment, those responding listed safe and secure buildings, current and emerging technology integrated into all classrooms, and proper ventilation and air quality as vital for optimal learning. Survey results will be updated as more are received. Several options will be developed and more community input sought in November. Final recommendation to the Board will be in December.



RISING STAR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

To increase opportunities and outcomes for students



Academic Directors Julie Stratman and Carol Frericks presented information to the Board on implementation of the Rising Star Continuous Improvement Process. The new process replaces past school improvement plans. Educator roles are clear, purpose is shared, efforts are aligned, partnerships prevail, and change is sustained. As part of the process, three main goals for improving education in grades K-12 were developed by the district's administrative team: 1) Alignment of math and literacy instruction to higher standards. 2) Implementation of new diagnostic assessments to measure student growth twice a year—from fall to winter and then from winter to spring. 3) Use of online tools for math and reading to close the gaps in student performance skills.

Mrs. Stratman explained that in the past, the school improvement process started over each school year. With Rising Star, the process is continuous year to year. It doesn't just keep student learning on track but keeps the district improvement on track. In the past, there was a school improvement binder prepared each year. With Rising Star, the process is ongoing. It will be easier to determine what is working and what needs to change. It will keep the district focused. Mrs. Frericks told Board members they can now access Rising Star data online, making the process transparent. She said Rising Star is a means to increase opportunities and outcomes for students. It makes the school improvement process friendly enough to encourage community and family involvement.



In other action, the Board approved:

- 2013-14 ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools
- Union Contract Agreements with Quincy Federation of Food Service Workers, Support Personnel (Drivers) and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS—GLORI DUESTERHAUS-SP ED K-6
COORD. CASEY LITTLE-7TH/8TH CHEERLEADING
COACH. CHAR SMITH-7TH/8TH CHEERLEADING
COACH. STEPHANIE BURRY-SOCIAL EMOTIONAL
MENTOR TEACHER ELL/MAD/DEW. BRIAN
ROWATT—7TH GRADE ASST BOYS BASKETBALL
COACH. CHRISTY MILLER-PARA QHS, WILLIAM
BARNES—DEAN CHADDOCK. DONALD DURBIN—
KITCHEN HELPER BERRIAN. ROBERT MCGEE—
DISTRICT SECURITY. ELLEN KEMNER CAFETERIA
MONITOR ADAMS. ARJEE WILSON—DISTRICT SECU-
RITY. BRUCE TERSTEGGE—SECURITY DISTRICT-260
DAYS/YR PREV. 181.

21ST CCLC EXT DAY INSTRUCTORS—ANN TIERNEY,
LYNDEE PERRINE, GAYLE ROSKAMP, BETTY LAW-
LESS, ANNIE MEYER, KELLY WEIMAN, CONNIE
HEBERLEIN, BRENDA FLEER, ANDREA TURNER, JOEL
DOUGHERTY, DANA LUDWIG, KRISTEN WALKER.

RESIGNATIONS—JACKIE MARTIN—7TH/8TH GRADE
CHEERLEADING COACH. KATHLEEN MIKLIUS—2ND
GRADE ADAMS. BRANDY LOGSDON—SECRETARY
QJHS. AARON DOUGLAS—PARA QJHS. DENNA
MCCOLEZ—BUS DRIVER.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE—BRANDI MANY, SCIENCE QHS—
APPROX 2/1/13 TO 3/10/13. LINDA BARNETT, 4TH
GRADE BALDWIN S. APPROX 10/8/13 TO 11/8/13.
TRACEY DANCE—PAYROLL COORD. APPROX
4/3/14 TO 5/29/14.

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Quincy Senior High will present "*Annie*" on
November 6, 7, 8, and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and No-
vember 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available from
the QHS Music Office, 224-3774. between
8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

For Sale: 28 ft. Pontoon, Trailer and Motor
Great Condition! \$3,500 obo. 217-242-8009.

Get Away for the New Year! Several 1 & 2
bedroom units available at Branson Wyndham
Resort December 30th, 31st & Jan 1st. \$20/night
for 3 nights. Call Tom Niehoff for information
217-653-8685.

For Rent: Secure, dry storage area in a barn.
1/2 mile northeast of the Mall. \$40/monthly.
257-8551.

*Come join us on Facebook.
Make A Merry Christmas Program
(QPS Transportation Department)*

QUINCY COMMUNITY EDUCATION INSTITUTE

A community event about student achievement will be held
Saturday, November 2, 8:00 a.m. to noon.
A series of speakers will present information on how parents and
community members can help support their child's education.

Sessions for PreK-6th grade will be held at Baldwin School
and 7th-12th grade sessions at Quincy Senior High.
Daycare will be provided.

For more information and to register, please visit our
website: www.qps.org or call 223-8700.

